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Who will not mercie unto others show, How can he mercie ever hope to have? —Spenser.

We guess it's all right so long as nobody sinks the Statue of Liberty. Hall and farewell, Bernhardt! May we have many another chance to bid you good-by forever.

The general opinion seems to be that if Wilson can stand for Daniels the country can't stand for Wilson.

Some changes of temperature for gardeners who have been sweating beneath a tropic sun on the border.

The silence of Mr Bryan is more ominous than his "God bless you" and either is enough to give the donkey the shivers.

We never did think that Carranza was the proper man to rule Mexico. Anybody who thinks he can drive bull fights out of that country belongs in the native Matetan instead of the President's chair.

Funny, isn't it, that when the price of food has to be raised on account of war, etc., the selling companies always manage to increase their net profits proportionately. The Armoura are going to cut a four hundred per cent stock melon.

No matter what messages or plans Mr. Gerard brought with him, it is certain that he will be able to give the Administration valuable inside information concerning the condition of the Central Empires. We rather fancy he will find American cooking much to his liking.

The P. R. T. should be encouraged rather than discouraged. — Mayor Smith. True, and was ever a company offered more encouragement than the opportunity to operate a \$60,000,000 public utility on terms to suit? It so happens that the interests of the city and the company run hand in hand in this matter. Let's get together.

That speculators are hoping to make more fortunes out of war brides is indicated by the boom in the price of New York Stock Exchange seats. A broker paid \$74,500 for one yesterday, which is \$60 more than the last previous sale. The boom will have to continue some time before the price reaches the highwater mark of 1905, when a seat sold for \$95,000.

Nothing could show more clearly the sensitiveness of international relations to every wind that blows than the firm and elated stand the Mexican commissioners took the moment the possibility of American difficulties with Germany reappeared. The Mexicans evidently feel that they can count on a Government, governed by expediency and by appearances, yielding on one flank when pressed on the other.

Whether prison reform in New York receives a setback by the resignation of Thomas Mott Osborne as warden of Sing Sing depends on the character and purposes of the man appointed to succeed him. But conditions which prevailed when Mr. Osborne was first appointed cannot be restored. He has attracted so much attention to flagrant abuses that public sentiment demands a more humane and intelligent treatment of prisoners.

The constant and menacing presence of cruisers on the high seas near the ports of a neutral country may be regarded, according to the canons of international courtesy, as a just ground for offense, although it may be strictly legal. —Secretary Lansing's protest to England and France.

necessary to call on the alumni aid funds for an athletic field. But the college thought the conditions were too onerous. In fact, it set a good example to other institutions. Of all forms of academic freedom the most important to be preserved is the freedom to develop along the lines which seem best to those in charge of a college. The college that sells its freedom for a million or two, even if it be only its freedom to engage in intercollegiate sports, sets a precedent of mercenaryness that would discredit it for ever after. It is probable that every alumnus who contributed to the Swarthmore fund gave more generously and more gladly because his college had retained its independence in the face of great temptation.

THE TRANSIT ORDINANCE

IN HIS statement to Councils the Mayor declares emphatically: I resolved that if the 1914 draft had in that year been formulated as a basis of negotiation for the equipment and operation of the city-built lines, there was no apparent reason why it should not set in a similar capacity in 1916. I therefore instructed my Director of Transit to bring the 1914 draft down to date, so as to include therein the new lines authorized by the 1914 ordinance.

The 1914 draft, of course, provided also for any "additional lines" which might be constructed by the city. The bringing down to date, therefore, consists in the writing of a formal contract, based on that draft and departing from it in no essential particular. We commend the Mayor most heartily for his abandonment of the theory that the 1914 agreement is of no importance. If in no essential particulars the ordinance submitted by him differs from the principles laid down in the co-operative agreement; if he is, in fact, determined to stand on that agreement and battle with sturdy enthusiasm for the translation of that agreement into a formal contract; if he has set his heart on the achievement of that kind of rapid transit for which the people voted and to which they are devoted, then, we say, he will find no more enthusiastic supporter of his policy than this newspaper will be.

The ordinance is a document of great length, studied with technical terms and couched in formal language. It seems, at a first study, to be intimately in consonance with the co-operative agreement. We do not find, for instance, any radical departure from the preferential guarantees provided for by Mr. Taylor. We should not be inclined to consider the omission of the Camden tube from the negotiations as a major objection, although in the 1914 agreement the profits from that tube figured as an offset against possible losses for the city in preferential payments. The limitations thrown about the abolition of exchange tickets call for careful consideration. Indeed, the Mayor has invited public discussion and he need be in no doubt about getting it. The subject is of such vital interest to the community that every feature of the proposed contract will be examined with extraordinary care. We take it, from the Mayor's attitude, that if any vital divergence from the 1914 draft is disclosed, he will himself be prompt to urge a correcting amendment of the proposed ordinance on his own account.

While we cannot acquiesce in the Mayor's intimation that he is required by the contract of 1907 to offer the operation of the new city-built lines to the P. R. T., we most heartily agree with him that, irrespective of that contract, it is eminently fair and proper to give the present company every opportunity to operate the new system. Rapid transit was not conceived in any spirit of hostility to the P. R. T., nor is there any such hostility evident in public thought at the present time. On the contrary, there is virtually a unanimous hope that the P. R. T. will ratify without delay its moral acceptances of 1914 and take a giant's part in the consummation of this magnificent public improvement. We should protest most emphatically against any other course, except as a last resort, and we most earnestly hope that the proposed ordinance, if on examination it proves to be essentially the 1914 agreement, will meet with a ready indorsement by the P. R. T. and its affiliated companies.

The situation is one which again calls A. Merritt Taylor into the service of the people. We anticipate that he will examine the ponderous ordinance with scrupulous care and issue for the benefit of the public his analysis of it. If Mr. Taylor finds that it is joker-proof and snake-clear, the public will be likely to throw behind it the full weight of their support. And the record of Mr. Taylor is such that we may be sure he will bring forward no trivial objections if, perchance, in some minor details or relatively unimportant features it should differ from the program originally laid down. There will be no fight against the ordinance unless there is in it some violent sacrifice of vital public interests.

We take it that the bringing forth of this elaborate contract means that the Mayor has reached a definite decision as to the city's course, and has abandoned any idea of calling in Mr. Parsons or other experts. If this is so, we congratulate him on his reversal of purpose. If the ordinance is in accord with the 1914 draft, its adoption by Councils will pass the problem on to the P. R. T., which will be expected to confirm its attitude of 1914 and assure beyond question the universal transit system which it is to be the arteries and circulatory system of the new Philadelphia.

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Tom Daly's Column

Comes written by myself Little Poole

Did you ever see a Day Breaking in the East it is wonderful to say Quite the very least I'll describe it if I may And how Night decaed.

This is how it happened I Woke in time to see the sky Brighten through my window pane, I had had another pain On the day before that kept Me in bed and so I slept When I was not used to it Which upset my life a bit Thus you see I was awake When the day began to break. It was dark outside and still And I lay and watched until Just beyond my window sill I beheld the maple tree That began to bow to me, Then the leaves they danced and spoke Quite like children just awoke And I noticed in the East Where a breeze had just increased Gold began to hem a cloud That was like a funeral shroud For the Night that was decaed. Then the birds began to sing They were glad as anything When the winds at break of day Wrapped the Night in clouds so gray And just carried it away, I too was so happy then That I could not sleep again.

WHEN your train stops at Stamford, Conn., on your way to New Haven to visit H. P. D's American House, glance out of the window on the right side of the car and see:

BUKIWIWICZ & MIRZEWJSKI AMERICAN HOUSE Americanism is unprejudiced in Conn. G. L.

Dear Tom—Having just returned from a trip through Lehigh and Northampton counties, where the natives "make the door shut" and "tie the horse loose," and the conductor calls to the motorman to "back about a little" and knowing your interest in signs as they are writ, I submit the following:

In the lively stable I noticed this: ALL TEAMS MUST BE KEPT BEFORE STARTING On a door adjoining to offices on the second floor was this:

PLEASE DON'T OPEN THIS DOOR WHEN YOU OPEN IT

"DON'T you think," writes a contrib. to B. L. T.'s Line in the Chicago Tribune, "that the persons who accuse W. W. of changing his mind underestimate him? He really appears to think both ways at once on the same subject." "Possibly," replies Bert, "possibly. He may be our political dinosaur. Very constant readers may recall our lines upon

"THE DINOSAUR." "Behold the mighty Dinosaur, Famous in prehistoric lore, Not only for his weight and strength But for his intellectual length. You will observe by these remains The creature had two sets of brains— One in his head (the usual place), The other at his spinal base. Thus he could reason a priori As well as a posteriori. No problem bothered him a bit; He made both head and tail of it. So wise he was, so wise and solemn, Each thought filled just a spinal column. If one brain found the pressure strong It passed a few ideas along; If something slipped his forward mind 'Twas rescued by the one behind; And if in error he was caught He had a second chance to fight. As he thought twice before he spoke He had no judgments to revoke; For he could think, without congestion, Upon both sides of every question. O, gaze upon this model beast, Defunct ten million years at least."

Str—The following vivid verbiage presupposes the knowledge that there is a state of war at present in Europe. To wit: Bravo deeds were done as I, From Budapest to Douent, But they were done as I, For the hat of straw bowed last July I still wear in October. W. A. H.

"THE secret of the well-dressed man is usually to be found in his clothes," begins an ad in the Emira Advertiser, and J. F. G. wonders if it's the man's pocketbook that is referred to.

Dear Tom—A sign on the front of a restaurant opposite the P. R. T. station at Sunbury, Pa., reads: "Eat between trains."

Bad advice for those afflicted with nervous indigestion, don't you think? —JERRY.

THRENODY Red and yellow and gold and brown, Dance the mad leaves through the town, Whirling blindly, while they go 'Neath their winding sheet of snow.

Red and yellow and brown and gold Danced my heart in days of old, Danced until the winter's snow Wrapped my true love, long ago.

MARIE. Among the several inscriptions but not exactly noble Milton who sang the free new and then is Mr. R. Remondino Hall, over at Filigerald, who favors with the following hand-picked appreciation of our well-known and highly respected President: Will you be so kind to read it? It is the best I have ever seen between the country all the time.

He has been honored from his birth He is the man that kept our soldiers off the line. He worked hard to save his country There was war from shore to shore And he knew that it was worthy of his name. He is friendly with the poor He is just the man for President 'Twas he that kept the soldiers off the line He is just the man for President.

ONE marked difference between journalism and literature is that literature is supposed to leave something to the imagination. The Record recently presented this bit of literature:

Mr. Peter Blysk, pecking coal on the Central Railroad at Newport, Md., at the Albemarle Hospital.

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THE MODERN MARATHON



MESMER THE FIRST HYPNOTIST

He Mystified and Interested Paris by the Manifestation of His Curious Power—He Thought That It Was Magnetic. How He Used His "Magic Tub"

By JOHN ELFRETH WATRINS

IN 1778 there arrived in Paris an unappreciated genius whose reputation for ability to heal the sick by a new and very sensational process caused him to be received with considerable awe. This wizard, Frederic-Antoine Mesmer, was forty-four years of age, tall, distinguished and impressive—a personality who, because of his extraordinary calm and self-reliance, radiated a sense of health and hope to thousands who came in contact with him. Leaving his native town of Swabia, Germany, he had gone to Vienna, where he had taken the degree of doctor of medicine, but had left the Viennese capital because of an alleged cabal against him, and before arriving in Paris had traveled throughout Europe.

Mesmer took an apartment in the Hotel Bourget, in the center of Paris, near the Place Vendome, and immediately let it be known that he was ready to treat incurable diseases. Vainly, Fairy, ever upon the lookout for new fads, especially new cures, at once flocked to the new physician. He became the vogue. His picturesque personality fascinated his patients, especially those of the feminine persuasion. It became whispered about that he possessed "magic power."

He invented a remarkable piece of apparatus that soon had Paris by the ears. It was known as the "magic tub," and consisted of a covered cylinder, inside which patients were seated in tiers. Each held a tube with the end of which he touched that part of his anatomy which he wished to be treated. Inside the great tub stood Mesmer, an imposing figure garbed in robes suggestive of a magician and bearing an alleged "magic wand." As the "treatments" continued the patients would become excited, some of them falling into convulsions. These the mysterious physician would calm.

Individuals were treated at private seances. During such a treatment Mesmer would hold the subject's hand, touch his forehead and make before his face passes with the open hand. These manipulations produced convulsions, hysteria and often catalepsy. The western world had never witnessed phenomena of the kind, and Mesmer's clinic became the mecca of invalids, hypochondriacs, mystics and avants from all parts of the world.

Mesmer had discovered some force of whose origin he was quite ignorant as was the public at large. Confusing it with electricity he called it magnetism—more often "animal magnetism." Following the experiments of physicists then

seriously or unconsciously, might warp judgment or make him waver in moments of critical importance that he might get the German vote, or the English vote, or the foreign vote for another term.—Louisville Post.

Of course the politicians who play the game for what they can get out of it find themselves all at sea in the company of a leader like Mr. Hughes. They were unable to forecast his nomination, the success of his Western trip, or his smashing victory in Maine. They are beginning slowly to realize that the character of Mr. Hughes is the source of his party's main strength in the current campaign. Instead of endeavoring to change his character the politicians who see as professionalists in the game should change their point of view. Mr. Hughes was not nominated by professional politicians. He will not be elected by professional politicians, and he will not play the game of the professional politicians while he is in the White House. All these facts are well known to the electorate and will influence its verdict on a certain basis.—Boston Transcript.

Mr. Wilson has no ulterior ambitions, no purposes of political pretension, reaching beyond the conducting of his second term, no dream of a third term, which, con-

GERMANY SEEKS MILK... Skimmed Product Needed for Manufacture of Insulating Material... WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Consul General Morgan at Hamburg reports to the Bureau of Foreign and Consular Affairs that inquiries are coming to his consulate from German manufacturers as to the possibility of getting a supply of skimmed milk from America to be used in the manufacture of galalith. Galalith is manufactured from casein by means of formaldehyde. A solution of casein is obtained by treating skimmed milk with caustic alkali or the borate of alkali. This solution is clarified and the casein precipitated by means of acids and then filtered. The water is then extracted by pressure and the product dries slowly. The casein plates obtained are thoroughly saturated with formaldehyde and dried again. It has been on the German market for some time. Its production is protected in Germany by several patents. It is an excellent insulating material and is not inflammable as cellulose.

CONSOLIDATION... The apple crop in two bushels per apple in this country. Therefore, if we have no bread we may eat apple pie.—Brooklyn Times.

Metropolitan OPERA HOUSE First Time Sat., Oct. 14 Seats Now on Sale at Met. Opera House (open until 9:30 P. M.). Metropolitan Opera House, 1115 Broadway & Federal St.

NEW YORK HIPPODROME ORCHESTRA in "HIP, HIP HOORAY" Staged by R. H. BURNSIDE SOUSA & CHARLOTTE 1000 BAND & ICE BALLET OTHER ENSEMBLES

The Stanley MARKET-16TH MARIE DORO THE LASH PALACE PAULINE FREDERICK "ASHES OF EMBERS" A R C A D I A CHESTNUT Row 16th, 10 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. DAILY, 15c; EVENINGS, 25c. E. H. SOTHERN IN HIS FIRST PHOTOPLAY "THE CHATTEL"

What Do You Know? Quizzes of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily. QUIZ 1. How did penicillin come to be so named? 2. What is a shillibill? 3. When has a wraggle of right to attack a neutral vessel? 4. A certain kind of writer is sometimes called a "hack." What is meant by that? 5. What is unrequited bread? 6. One of the most famous features of a public park in the world is the Serpentine. What does it mean in HT? 7. In what famous scene does a character say, "Daniel come to judgment! Yes, a Daniel there is HT? 8. What is the principle of the sun dial? 9. What just is meant by "missing link"? 10. What is the colloquial saying "to cut a notion" meant?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Anglo-Saxon; a name made under oath in the presence of witnesses concerning a crime by wounded person not expected to live. 2. A torpedo discharged from submarine is self-propelling in such a way that it returns through the water in a straight line. 3. "Prying ground," a testing ground for munitions. 4. Minor Judiciary, the Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, etc. 5. Color of a horse; a reddish brown. 6. A bell rung as an alarm signal. 7. Governor Sulzer of New York was importer of opium in 1915 and was arrested and fined \$50,000. 8. Aryan law; laws relating to landed property, particularly in regard to the rights of tenants. 9. The United States has entered into conventions with most of the nations for reciprocal registration and protection of trademarks. 10. Barbara Frietle; Whitler wrote a famous poem based on a report of the patriotic spirit of a young girl in a town during a flag shot at by southern soldiers.

Soldiers' Mail F. R.—It is said that at the present rate the British troops receive as many letters in twenty-four weeks as are delivered altogether in Ireland during the space of a year. It is estimated that the outward mail for front reaches a total of 8,000,000 letters and 550,000 parcels weekly and the inward or home mail nearly 6,000,000 letters weekly. State Taxes If K. B.—A State can certainly levy taxes, and the Constitution of the United States does not restrict this right except in that no State can levy duties on imports or exports "except what may be absolutely necessary for executing its inspection laws and the net produce of all duties and imports laid by any State on imports or exports shall be for the use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such laws shall be subject to the revision and control of Congress."

Lloyd George D. C.—David Lloyd George was born at Manchester January 17, 1863, of Welsh parentage. His father, William George, was a school teacher and his mother was a daughter of David Lloyd, a Baptist minister of Wales. His father died shortly after his birth, leaving the family in poor circumstances and chiefly dependent for support on a maternal uncle, Richard Lloyd, a shoemaker by trade and pastor of a Campbellite church in Wales. This uncle assisted him in getting a start in life and the Lloyd part of his name is for his maternal grandfather. Having qualified for the law, he was admitted to the bar in 1884 and was successful from the start. In politics he was a Radical. In 1890 he was elected to Parliament, was re-elected several times and held high rank as a Liberal leader and constructive statesman. In 1905 he was appointed President of the Board of Trade, a Cabinet position in which he won new distinction. In 1908, when Mr. Asquith became Premier, he promoted Mr. Lloyd George to the Chancellorship of the Exchequer, a position previously held by Mr. Asquith himself. He was Chancellor of the Exchequer seven years. In 1915 he was made Minister of Munitions, became Secretary of State for War, a position he still holds.

THE BIRTH OF A NATION Chestnut St. Opera House TWICE DAILY POSITIVELY LAST WEEK Regent MARKET ROW 11th & 12th ST. GAIL KANE "The Scarlet Oath" Knickerbocker MARKET 6th & 7th ST. "THE PATH OF FOLLY" Dunson's Minstrel MARKET 6th & 7th ST.